OFFICE OF THE RENTALSMAN - RENTALSMAN'S TRUST ACCOUNT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31, 2000

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Office of the Rentalsman - Rentalsman's Trust Account as at March 31, 2000 and the statement of changes in trust account balance for the year then ended. The Office of the Rentalsman's management is responsible for preparing these financial statements for Treasury Board's approval. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Office of the Rentalsman - Rentalsman's Trust Account as at March 31, 2000 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Regina, Saskatchewan
July 5, 2000

Fred Wendel, CMA, CA
Acting Provincial Auditor

Statement 1

OFFICE OF THE RENTALSMAN - RENTALSMAN'S TRUST ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at March 31

	2000	1999
ASSETS		
Accounts receivable	$ 20	$ —
Due from General Revenue Fund (Note 4)	64,403	76,456
Total assets	$ 64,423	$ 76,456
LIABILITIES		
Security deposits held in trust	$ 51,283	$ 63,036
Application fees payable - Department of Justice	13,140	13,420
Total liabilities	$ 64,423	$ 76,456

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

Statement 2

OFFICE OF THE RENTALSMAN - RENTALSMAN'S TRUST ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN TRUST ACCOUNT BALANCE
Year Ended March 31

	2000	1999
SECURITY DEPOSITS HELD IN TRUST		
Receipts from landlords or tenants	$ 632,286	$ 537,932
Payments to landlords or tenants	(481,239)	(368,220)
Payments to Department of Justice	(163,100)	(143,280)
Balance, beginning of year	76,456	50,024
Balance, end of year to Statement 1	$ 64,403	$ 76,456

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

OFFICE OF THE RENTALSMAN - RENTALSMAN'S TRUST ACCOUNT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2000

1. Legislative Authority

Pursuant to provisions of *The Residential Tenancies Act,* the Office of the Rentalsman - Rentalsman's Trust Account was established for the purpose of receiving and disbursing monies, under Section 35, Section 47 and Section 65 of *The Residential Tenancies Act.*

2. Accounting Policies

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

3. Related Party Transactions

In accordance with established government practice, the Rentalsman's Trust Account has not been charged with any administrative costs and no provision for such cost is reflected in these statements. These costs are borne by the Department of Justice from monies appropriated by the Legislature for such purposes.

Under Section 6(1) of *The Residential Tenancies Regulation, 1992*, applications are subject to an application fee which is recorded as revenue for the Department of Justice. This fee is included in receipts and payments of the Rentalsman's Trust Account.

4. Due from General Revenue Fund

The Office of the Rentalsman - Rentalsman's Trust bank account is included in the Consolidated Offset Bank Concentration (COBC) arrangement for the Government of Saskatchewan. No interest is paid into this account by the General Revenue Fund.

5. Uncertainty due to the Year 2000 Issue

The Year 2000 Issue arises because many computerized systems use two digits rather than four to identify a year. Date-sensitive systems may recognize the year 2000 as 1900 or some other date, resulting in errors when information using year 2000 dates is processed. In addition, similar problems may arise in some systems which use certain dates in 1999 to represent something other than a date. Although the change in date has occurred, it is not possible to conclude that all aspects of the Year 2000 Issue that may affect the entity, including those related to customers, suppliers, or other third parities, have been fully resolved.